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SUBJECT: REVISION OF NIV WORKLOAD/MANPOWER ESTIMATES
FY-1979

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1. SEVERAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE CAUSED EMBASSY TO
RECONSIDER THE ESTIMATES SUBMITTED BY MEXICO
CITY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS IN FY-1979 CONSULAR PACKAGE.
AMONG THESE ARE:

A. NIV WORKLOAD: FY-1977 NIV WORKLOAD FOR LARGER NIV
POSTS IN MEXICO IS HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED. TIJUANA NIV
WORKLOAD IS ACTUALLY HIGHER THAN FY-1976 AND STILL
RISING. MEXICO CITY, GUADALAJARA AND MONTERREY, WHILE
SHOWING DROP FROM FY-1976, ARE PROCESSING HIGHER LEVEL OF
NIV APPLICATIONS THAN ESTIMATED IN CONSULAR PACKAGE. FOR
EXAMPLE, MEXICO CITY BY MID-AUGUST, WITH SIX WEEKS LEFT
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OF FISCAL YEAR, HAD PROCESSED 147,569 NIV APPLICATIONS,
COMPARED TO OUR ESTIMATE OF 146,000 BY SEPTEMBER 30. IF
CURRENT WORKLOAD FIGURES INDICATE A MORE RAPID RECOVERY
FROM ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF DEVALUATION
THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED, WE HAVE UNDERESTIMATED OUR NIV
WORKLOAD AND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 1979.

B. PRISONER/W & W WORKLOAD: MOST POSTS IN MEXICO HAVE ESTIMATED A REDUCTION IN SCS WORKLOAD FOLLOWING THE INITIAL MASS TRANSFER OF AMERICAN PRISONERS UNDER THE TREATY FOR EXECUTION OF PENAL SENTENCES. HOWEVER, WITH PRESSURES FROM CONGRESS TO IMPROVE ASSISTANCE TO PRISONERS AND SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS GENERALLY (STATE 184194 AND 187731) IT NOW APPEARS QUESTIONABLE TO WHAT FUNCTIONS, EITHER DURING PEAK PERIODS OR PERMANENTLY. IN FACT, IF THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON CONSULAR SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE A RELIABLE INDICATOR OF CONGRESSIONAL MOOD, WE DOUBT THAT ANY POST IN MEXICO IS ADEQUATELY STAFFED IN THE SCS FIELD TO MEET THE POTENTIAL DEMAND FOR SERVICES. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE, MEXICO HAS MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF SENSATIONAL PROTECTION CASES OF THE TYPE LIKELY TO ATTRACT PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST (THE HIGHWAY MURDERS IN SINALOA, THE MORE RECENT MURDERS IN OAXACA, THE FRONCZAK-SEMMELROTH CASE IN ACAPULCO, AND THE PALMER CASE IN CAMPECHE, TO NAME A FEW.)

C. STOLEN AIRCRAFT AND AUTOMOBILES: SEVERAL POSTS IN MEXICO ARE FEELING THE STRAIN OF INCREASED WORKLOAD FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S POLICY OF EXPEDITING RETURN OF STOLEN AIRCRAFT AND AUTOMOBILES BY TURNING VEHICLES OVER DIRECTLY TO CONSULAR OFFICERS. THE EMBASSY AND BORDER POSTS ARE ESPECIALLY AFFECTED BY THE REQUIREMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVIDING A CONSULAR OFFICER EACH TIME TO ACCEPT DELIVERY IN PERSON OF RECOVERED VEHICLES. THE POLICY IS ONLY BEGINNING TO BE EFFECTIVE WITH REGARD TO AUTOMOBILES, BUT IF IT MOVES INTO FULL SWING, WE WILL NEED INCREASED STAFF TO HANDLE THE HUNDREDS OF CASES OF STOLEN AUTOMOBILES ALONG THE BORDER.

2. FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE ESTIMATES OF MANPOWER REQUIRED FOR FY-1979 SHOULD BE REVISED UPWARD. WE NOW ESTIMATE THAT THE REDUCTION IN PRISONER POPULATION FOLLOWING THE INITIAL TRANSFER OF PRISONERS UNDER THE TREATY WILL RELEASE ENOUGH MANPOWER TO ENABLE MOST POSTS TO IMPROVE PROTECTION AND WELFARE SERVICES TO MEET THE INCREASED WORKLOAD IN THAT AREA. WE HAVE CALCULATED THE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS NEEDED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE MANPOWER RELEASED BY THE PRISONER TRANSFER WILL BE FULLY ABSORBED BY THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SERVICES BY PRISONERS WHO REMAIN IN MEXICO AND BY THE MORE THAN 2,000,000 AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO VISIT THE COUNTRY ANNUALLY AND THAT THE INCREASING NIV WORKLOAD MUST BE MET BY NET INCREASES IN STAFFING. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING INCREASED STAFFING FOR POSTS IN

MEXICO FOR FY-1979:

POST	AMERICAN POSITIONS	LOCAL POSITIONS
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MEXICO CITY	2	6
GUADALAJARA	1	3
MONTERREY	1	3
TIJUANA	1	4
TOTAL	5	16

3. EMBASSY IS RESPONDING SEPTEL TO SUGGESTIONS RAISED IN
SENATORS SPARKMAN/CASE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT (STATE
184194) THAT ADDITIONAL TEN OR TWELVE CONSULAR OFFICERS

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BE ASSIGNED IN MEXICO TO IMPROVE ASSISTANCE RENDERED
PRISONERS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION ON THIS GENERAL
ISSUE, I.E., WHETHER TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INCREASE IN
STAFF TO PERMIT SUBSTANTIAL UPGRADING OF CONSULAR SERVICES
TO AMERICAN CITIZENS SHOULD BE MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF
ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP WITH LEADERS OF CONGRESS A CONSENSUS
ON THE LEVEL OF CONSULAR SERVICES WHICH WE SHOULD ATTEMPT
TO PROVIDE. LACKING ANY CONSENSUS OR GUIDANCE ON THIS
POINT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PLAN RATIONALLY FOR CONSULAR
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